

PICUS MINOR.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum polyedrum, rectum: apice cuneato.

Nares pennis fetaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.

Lingua teres, lumbriciformis, longissima, mucronata, apice retrorsum aculeata fetis.

Pedes scanforii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 173.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PICUS albo nigroque varius, vertice rubro, crisso testaceo.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 176.

PICUS varius minor.

Briff. 4. p. 41. 15.

PICUS varius tertius.

Raii Syn. p. 43. 6.

Perpulchram pici speciem magnitudine naturali ostendit tabula, illorum quotquot in Britannia vel etiam in Europa generantur, minimam. Vel hac tamen in nores sunt quædam species exoticæ. Rarius longe venit in conspectum hominum quam picus major mediusque Linnæi: ex avibus scilicet est quas pauciores alit Britannia. Coccineo rubore quo caput maris ornatur caret femina.



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THE
LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill angular, strait, cuncated at the tip.

Nostrils covered with reflected setaceous feathers.

Tongue cylindric, worm-shaped, very long, sharp-pointed, and generally aculeated at the tip with reflex bristles.

Feet scanforial.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

BLACK and WHITE WOODPECKER, with the top of the head crimson; the vent pale brown.

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Will. orn. 138. pl. 31.

Le PETIT EPEICHE.

Buff. ois. 7. p. 62.

Pl. enl. 598.

The beautiful species of Woodpecker here figured in its natural size, is the smallest of the genus which our own country produces, or even the rest of

Europe. Some exotic species are, however, still smaller. It is numbered amongst the rarer English birds, and is not so often seen as the *picus major* and *medius*, or larger and middle spotted Woodpecker. The female wants the rich crimson which ornaments the head of the male.